

APPROVED

TOWN OF WESTFORD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

DATE: October 26, 2004

TIME: 6:45 P.M.

PLACE: Abbot School Cafetorium

PRESENT: Robert Jefferies-arrived at 6:50, Dini Healy-Coffin,
Christopher Romeo, James Silva

ABSENT: Allan Loiselle

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Ledoux-Town Manager

**Selectmen to Review Request of Stephen Leary re: Relocation of Garage
on Old Wood Road to Salem Road**

Stephen Leary, 34 Salem Road, was present seeking permission to move a two-car garage (24'x28') from Old Wood Road to 34 Salem Road. Ledoux told the Board written town approval is needed to move a structure within the Town's right of way. Leary informed the Board that a company will move the garage and that he is awaiting a response from the utility companies. Leary also informed the Board that he has talked to the Police Chief and Fire Chief and has obtained a building permit. Leary wanted to have the garage moved in the next two/three weeks.

It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Silva, and VOTED 3 IN FAVOR WITH 2 ABSENT (Jefferies, Loiselle), to approve the request.

Ledoux will draft a letter to Mr. Leary.

Licenses and Permits

License for Public Amusement, Nashoba Hill Corporation, “Nashoba Valley Holiday Light Festival”, Powers Road, Westford, MA, November 19, 2004 – January 2, 2005 – Attorney Douglas Deschenes and Al Fletcher were present seeking a public amusement license for a holiday lighting display. Deschenes distributed an example of the lights from the company the applicant will be working with. Deschenes showed a map of the site and outlined the 2-car width dirt road to be used for the lighting display (currently the loop used for the hayride). Deschenes pointed out the emergency access points and parking areas. The display will contain approximately 100 different light displays with low voltage colored lights.

Healy-Coffin was concerned with the hours of operation ending at midnight and the possible impact to the neighbors. Deschenes stated that the applicant would stop ticket sales at 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 10:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Jefferies was concerned that the applicant is running a ski area but has various amusement activities. Deschenes stated that the applicant is trying to fill a revenue gap. Deschenes pointed out that the applicant will come back to the Board every year for permitting and the Board could deal with any problems at that time.

It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Silva, and VOTED 4 IN FAVOR WITH 1 ABSENT (Loiselle), to approve the license with the restrictions as outlined on ticket times.

Appointment of Election Officers – Request received from the Town Clerk dated October 26, 2004. **It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Romeo, and VOTED 4 IN FAVOR WITH 1 ABSENT (Loiselle), to appoint Thomas Buretta, 11 Elm Road; Gerard L. Desautels, 86 Stony Brook Road; Katherine (Kate) M. Hollister, 24 Vine Brook Road; and Carole L. Shyavitz, 3 Stone Ridge Road; as election officers with a term expiring June 30, 2005.**

Selectmen to Review Final Special Town Meeting Planning Articles

ARTICLE 15: MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND MAJOR RETAIL PROJECTS

ARTICLE 16: SPECIAL PERMIT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

ARTICLE 17: SITE PLAN APPROVAL CRITERIA

ARTICLE 18: GENERAL ZONING DEFINITIONS

It was moved by Silva, seconded by Healy-Coffin, and VOTED 4 IN FAVOR WITH 1 ABSENT (Loiselle), to support Article 15, Article 16, Article 17, and Article 18.

Correspondence

Letter from the League of Women Voters dated October 15, 2004 regarding setting the warrant for Special Town Meeting. The Board asked Ledoux to respond to the League by stating that their letter is kindly noted.

Convene to Special Town Meeting

The Board convened to Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Romeo, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn the meeting at the close of Special Town Meeting.

Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

Robert Jefferies, Chairman

Submitted by Beth A. Kinney, Recording Secretary